

**Indiana Department of Administration  
Minority and Women's Business Enterprises Division  
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**M/WBE PRIME CONTRACTORS CANNOT COUNT THEIR FIRM WHEN MEETING MINORITY AND WOMEN SUBCONTRACTING PARTICIPATION GOALS**

If you are planning to bid as a Prime Contractor, due to federal law, your firm *is not* exempt from meeting the Participation Goals for the project. There have been recent instances where a qualified MBE or WBE prepared an excellent RFP response but lost the opportunity only because they failed to meet the subcontracting goals and other firms did.

Please search the Minority and Women's Business Enterprises Certified Business EXCEL Database to locate certified minority firms and certified women firms that will bring value to your project. If you need additional assistance, please contact our office at 317-232-3061.

**INVITATIONS TO BID AVAILABLE ON THE MINORITY AND WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES DIVISION WEBSITE**

Please stop by our website to visit the **Contract Opportunities** page. In addition to links to state purchasing opportunities, we provide access to bid invitations from various contractors seeking qualified certified firms to participate on future projects. The Indiana Stadium and Convention Building Authority and others are using our site as one of the advertising venues for future bid invitations. [Visit today!](#)

**PUBLIC WORKS UNVEILS ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO CAPITAL PROJECTS LIST FOR FISCAL YEARS 2005-2007**

The list is a compilation of potential bidding opportunities that may come through the Indiana Department of Administration Public Works Division. **Designers/Planners** are encouraged to submit a **Letter of Interest** for each project to which you can bring value.

Once a Project Request is received by a state agency, in-house staff qualifications are reviewed. If there are no in-house Designers/Planners qualified to do the work, letters of interest and qualifications of outside firms are reviewed. Direct your letters to Tom Coulter, Director of Public Works. View the [Capital Projects List](#) and click on the title of the project to view the details. Access the [Public Works website](#) for additional information.

**GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON MINORITY AND WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES**

Please join us for our quarterly Commission Meetings. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, September 12, 2005** at Indiana Government Center South – Conference Room A. The meeting begins at 1:00pm.

**RECORD NUMBERS OF INDIANA SMALL BUSINESSES RECEIVING SBA GUARANTEED LOANS**

The top five ranking SBA Indiana lenders participating in the SBA 7(a) loan program in July:

Charter One Bank, NA  
National City Bank  
Capital One Bank  
Fifth Third Bank  
STAR Financial Bank

For more information, visit [www.sba.gov/in](http://www.sba.gov/in).